

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

Adopting The Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2029

Executive Summary

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that government units periodically update their Hazard Mitigation Plans. Jefferson County initially adopted a multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2008 and updated the plan in 2012 and 2018. On September 10, 2024, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2024-43 requiring the Emergency Management Department to update its plan. This new 2025 update will guide hazard mitigation efforts in Jefferson County for the next five-year period from 2025 through 2029.

The Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2025-2029) identifies demographic and economic characteristics, climate, natural resources, land use, and developmental trends of the county. Special needs populations and groups are also identified. The plan inventories critical facilities in the County in light of natural hazards along with estimated losses to buildings and infrastructure. This plan makes clear appropriate solutions in terms of a wide range of activities that help to foster hazard mitigation efforts. Mitigation funding sources, maps, and other important features are included.

This resolution adopts the 2025-2029 Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee considered this resolution at its meeting on March 28, 2025, and recommended forwarding it to the County Board for approval.

WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), which requires that a local unit of government must have an approved all hazard mitigation plan before it can receive Federal grant monies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for pre-disaster mitigation projects, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Emergency Management has updated the comprehensive Hazard Mitigation Plan, initially adopted in 2008, that evaluates the risks posed by potential hazards including, but not limited to, flooding, tornadoes, winter storms, and other severe weather conditions, and identifies strategies for reducing the impact of such hazards on the community, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2024-43 on September 10, 2024, to accept public input concerning the updated plan, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has engaged relevant stakeholders, including local governments, emergency responders, community organizations, and the public, in the planning process to ensure the plan is comprehensive and reflects the needs of all residents, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan is designed to enhance the County's ability to protect its residents, infrastructure, and economy from the effects of disasters through proactive mitigation strategies, improved risk assessments, and coordinated response efforts, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this plan demonstrates Jefferson County's commitment to mitigating hazards and improving the resilience of our communities, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

1. The Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan, as prepared and presented by the Jefferson County Emergency Management Department, is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan for Jefferson County.
2. The plan shall be used as a guide for future hazard mitigation efforts and will serve as the foundation for seeking and applying for federal, state, and local funding to implement mitigation projects.
3. The Jefferson County Emergency Management Director is hereby authorized to submit the adopted plan to FEMA and other relevant authorities for approval.
4. The Hazard Mitigation Plan shall be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary, with public input and participation from relevant stakeholders, to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jefferson County hereby adopts the Jefferson County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: 2025-2029. While content related to Jefferson County may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require Jefferson County to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Fiscal Note: This resolution has no direct fiscal impact.

Strategic Plan Reference: YES



Highly Regarded Quality of Life: Anticipate and plan for environmental vulnerabilities, to include drought, zoonotic, heavy storms, and other disaster events; Develop a comprehensive flood mitigation plan to evaluate and plan for current and future risk and mitigation strategies

Voice Vote - Passed

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, Audrey McGraw, County Clerk of Jefferson County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-10, adopted at the April 15, 2025, Session of the County Board of Supervisors at the County Courthouse in the City of Jefferson.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 21st day of April 2025.



Audrey McGraw
Audrey McGraw
Jefferson County Clerk
Jefferson, Wisconsin

Referred By:
Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee

04-15-2025

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT ; Finance Director: 